



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION

OF: AVEN ET AL.

SERIAL NO. 09/865,023

FILED: MAY 24, 2001

FOR: ENHANCEMENT OF THE ACTIVITY OF CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHESIS INHIBITOR HERBICIDES

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c) AND §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of August 29, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered in the above-identified application:

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1 and 3 to 8 and amend Claims 9, 12 and 14 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I/III attached to this paper. A clean copy of the current claims is found in the attached Appendix II.

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